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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC DELEGATION TO INDONESIA

1. A FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY VISITED JAKARTA JUNE 28-30 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL COOPERATION IN AREA OF FRESH WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS RADION ISOTOPES FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT, HUNGARY HAD MADE CREDIBLE PROGRESS IN SUCH AREAS AS "FRESH-WATER FISHING AND DUCK FARMING," AND BECAUSE OF THAT HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY FAO TO BE THE TRAINING CENTER FOR MIXED FARMING. PRESS IDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AS FOLLOWS: DR. ISTVAN LANG, DR. IMNE MANOVICS, DR. BELA VASVANI, DR. JOASEF TOTH AND DR. ARPAD TOTH.

2. LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 29 THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD AGREED TO INITIATION OF BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH HUNGARY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND HAD TERMED THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SIGNED JUNE 30 WITH HUNGARIAN DELEGATION, AN CONFIDENTIAL

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"IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD DEVELOPING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THE PRESS NOTED THAT THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH AN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND SINCE BEGINNING OF NEW ORDER.

3. PRESS ALSO MENTIONED THAT SIMILAR DELEGATIONS FROM RUMANIA AND POLAND WILL BE VISITING INDONESIA.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT, HOWEVER, HAD YET TO BE WORKED OUT.

4. COMMENT: IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, THE POLISH AMBASSADOR, KAROL RODEK, TOLD AMBASSADOR NEWSOM THAT THE HUNGARIAN VISIT HAD DEVELOPED OUT OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR RESEARCH SUMITRO'S VISIT TO HUNGARY TWO YEARS AGO. THE EXCHANGE IS PART OF A SERIES OF CONTACTS BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPE AND INDONESIA ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE POLISH AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID THAT THE HEAD OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (OR HIS DEPUTY) MAY VISIT INDONESIA IN THE AUTUMN. ACCORDING TO THE POLISH AMBASSADOR. THE INDONESIANS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN POLISH COAL AND COAL GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGY. NEWSOM

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